

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – September 12, 2005

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 12, 2005, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Library of the Round Valley Middle School, 128 Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, New Jersey 08833.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, the Clinton Township Board of Education has provided adequate notice of the date, time, and location of this meeting. Such notice has been posted in the Clinton Township Board of Education Office and each of the district schools, has been filed with the Clinton Township Clerk, and was faxed to the *Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review, Courier News, Star Ledger and Express Times* on Wednesday, August 31, 2005.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President Roger Straight at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Roger Straight-President	Sandra Kotter
	Robert Sabattis	Patricia Schwartz
	Thomas Marron	Donna Gregory (7:35 p.m.)
	Margaret Connors	
	Elaine Mayat	

Absent: Christopher Yula

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Nastus, Chief School Administrator
Daria A. Wasserbach, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Along with her written report to the Board, Dr. Nastus commented on the smooth opening of the Clinton Township Schools. She also extended thanks to personnel with regards to emergency response at the Round Valley Middle School.

PUBLIC

Ron Williams - spoke on removal of dirt at the Clinton Township Middle School site.

Chris/Kim Cordaro – spoke on “Intelligent Design” maintaining separation of church and state.

Don Sherbloom – spoke on “Intelligent Design”

SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Wasserbach discussed the Surplus Analysis report that was distributed to Board members at the meeting.

Action 05-677

RESOLUTION

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND REPORT OF TREASURER:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (d), I certify that as of May 31, 2005 no budgetary line item account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (a)**

Daria A. Wasserbach, Board Secretary

Monday, September 12, 2005

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 (e), we certify that as of May 31, 2005 respectively after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (a)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.*

Moved by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED to approve the Board Secretary Report and Report of the Treasurer for the Month of May 2005.

Action 05-678

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the changes of the Board of Education committees as follows:

Personnel

Robert Sabattis
Patricia Schwartz
Roger Straight

Facilities/Finance

Thomas Marron
Sandra Kotter
Margo Connors
Christopher Yula

Communications

Elaine Mayat
Donna Gregory
Christopher Yula
Margo Connors

Policy

Patricia Schwartz
Roger Straight
Donna Gregory

Action 05-679

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts Settlement Agreement and general release as per attached.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion with regard to public access at Water’s Edge development located behind Sunset Inn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Action 05-680

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Clinton Township as per Chapter 231, P. L. 1975:

- a. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Monday, September 12, 2005 to discuss feasibility study matters.*
- b. The matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.*
- c. Length of meeting thought to be approximately 30 minutes.*

Motion by Mrs. Mayat, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

FINANCE/FACILITIES: Thomas Marron, Sandra Kotter, Margo Connors, Christopher Yula

Action 05-681

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills in the amount of \$394,107.08.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-682

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Capital III payments:

<i>Seacoast Builders Corp. (New School)</i>	<i>\$355,308.80</i>
<i>Turner Construction Company</i>	<i>\$23,000.00</i>

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-683

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2005-2006 Special Education Coordinated Transportation Contract between Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission and Clinton Township Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-684

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS the toilet facilities in the Patrick McGaheran School are located fifty (50) feet from the classroom;

WHEREAS the Pre-K teacher will establish a group lavatory time for the half-day program for supervision purposes;

WHEREAS in the case of an emergency, students will go to the lavatory accompanied by a teacher assistant;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby elects to use the alternate method of compliance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.2(h)4ii by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside the classroom in lieu of individual toilet rooms in the classroom;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves this alternate method of compliance and authorizes a copy of this resolution to accompany the request form to be submitted by the Chief School Administrator to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-685

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

***OPPOSITION TO THE NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTING OUT OF DISTRICT
TUITION STUDENTS***

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District to provide a thorough and efficient education to those students who live within the 12 sending districts in Hunterdon County; and

*WHEREAS, the costs to educate these students based on municipality varies greatly from the median cost per child, currently at \$ 15,000; and
WHEREAS, Clinton Township pays a disproportionately higher cost; and
WHEREAS, neither Clinton Township nor any other sending district should be subsidizing the cost out of district students for any reason;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Clinton, that we call upon the North Hunterdon-Voorhees High School District to not allow out of district students on a tuition basis until such time as the cost per student equals the highest contribution given per student by a sending district.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education calls upon the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Legislature, where needed, to fix the funding formula of per district student costs to make it equitable to all sending districts within a given school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Clinton Township's representatives to the North Hunterdon-Voorhees High School District, its 24th District Legislators and the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Education.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-686

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes Daria A. Wasserbach, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve contract award for demolition of barn at an amount not to exceed \$29,000.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS – Robert Sabattis, Patricia Schwartz, Roger Straight

Action 05-687

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Claire Bennett as a Kindergarten teacher (replacement for Lenneil Constantine) at the Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 1, 2005 at a salary of \$40,125 (BA, Step 1).

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-688

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Donna Brown as a teaching assistant (replacement for Katie O'Shea) at the Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 1, 2005 at a salary of \$17,394 (BA, Step 1).

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-689

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Debi Barrett as a Lunch Aide (replacement for Nell McCarthy) at Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September at a rate of \$11.85 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-690

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Evelyn Burchardt as a Lunch Aide (replacement for Eileen Yacullo) at Round Valley School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September at a rate of \$11.85 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-691

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Maggie Cassidy as a teaching assistant at the Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 1, 2005 at a salary of \$17,394 (BS, Step 1).

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-692

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the hiring of Theresa Donnarumma Kraft as a consultant to provide the services of a school psychologist at Round Valley Middle School at a per diem rate of \$300 effective September 12, 2005 for five days a week (school days only) until a full-time school psychologist is hired.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-693

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Beverly Brooke Lindner as a .5 Kindergarten teacher (new position) at the Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 1, 2005 (BA, Step 1).

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-694

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Elizabeth McFarland as a 2nd Grade Special Education Teacher (new position) at the Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 1, 2005 at a salary of \$62,995 (BA+30, Step 13).

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-695

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Rachel McLaughlin as a 1ST Grade Special Education Teacher (new position) at the Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 1, 2005 at a salary of \$47,900 (MA in F, Step 6).

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-696

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Norrie Zaret as a .6 Speech-Language Correctionist (new position) at the Spruce Run School and Patrick McGaheran School for the 2005-2006 school year effective on or about November 1, 2005 at a salary of \$69,335 (BA, Step 16) pro-rated.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-697

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Andrew Pascoe as a Custodian at Patrick McGaheran School for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of \$37,180 retroactive to August 1, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-698

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves movement on salary guide for Cynthia Pope for the 2005-2006 school year from MA in F+15 to MA in F+30 effective September 15, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-699

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves movement on salary guide for Mary Postma for the 2005-2006 school year from MA in F to MA in F+30 effective September 15, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-700

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education rescinds holding of increment to Russell Hoffman and approve contract in the amount of \$39,790 (Step 15) for the 2005-2006 school year retroactive to July 1, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-701

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Elizabeth Ashley to attend a Child Study Team meeting for a student at Patrick McGaheran School on August 24, 2005 for 2 hours at a rate of \$26.00 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-702

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Tina Rockafellow to attend a Child Study Team meeting for one child at Patrick McGaheran School for one hour at a rate of \$26.00 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-703

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Dennis Stinner to attend Child Study Team meetings at Patrick McGaheran School on July 6, August 5 and August 10, 2005 for a total of 3.5 hours at a rate of \$26.00 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-704

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Cindy Zayko for 3 days at her per diem rate of pay for case management responsibilities.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-705

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Roberta Grambor for testing two students at Spruce Run School at her per diem rate of pay for up to two days.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-706

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Rebecca Klink to do homebound instruction for one student (3-5) for a minimum of 10 hours a week for the remainder of the 2005/06 school year at the rate of \$26.00 per hour, plus mileage.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-707

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves AnneMarie J. Sima as a substitute teacher for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-708

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Joseph Leone (TA – PMS) effective August 24, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-709

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Amy Schwartz as a Lunch/Recess Aide at Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September at a rate of \$11.85 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-710

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Eileen Chrobak as a Lunch/Recess Aide at Spruce Run School for the 2005-2006 school year effective September at a rate of \$11.85 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-711

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Meg Kortina as a Nurse's Assistant at Spruce Run School for 2 1/2 hrs per day 5 days per week effective September 14, 2005 at a salary of \$7,975.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-712

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Ernie Ramos as a Technology Technician at a rate of \$46,000 pro-rated effective October 3, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-713

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the position of Athletic Coordinator (new position) at a stipend of \$5,000.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

POLICY/CURRICULUM – Patricia Schwartz, Donna Gregory, Roger Straight

Action 05-714

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves submission of the 2006 Clinton Township Mentoring Plan.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-715

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves submission of the 2006 No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Titles IIA, IV and V.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-716

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the District’s written emergency and crisis management plan that accounts for school specific security and preparedness.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-717

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Uniform of Memorandum of Agreement for the 2005/2006 School year.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-718

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Clinton Township School District School Objectives for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-719

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) for the 2004/2005 school year for the Clinton Township School District.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Mr. Marron commented on the Facility Use Fees. He also stated that the New Jersey School Boards Association policy review is under way.

Mr. Straight distributed packet on setting committee mission, goals and objectives.

COMMUNICATIONS/N.J.S.B.A. – Elaine Mayat, Margaret Connors, Donna Gregory, Christopher Yula

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 05-720

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Kotter.

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Roger Straight
Board President*

*Daria A. Wasserbach
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary*